

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, claims 1-7 have been canceled. No new claims have been added to the application. Accordingly, claims 15-21 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added to the application.

In the Decision on Appeal, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the obviousness rejections asserted by the Examiner with respect to claims 1-7, but reversed the obviousness rejections asserted by the Examiner with respect to claims 15-21. In addition, the Board affirmed the Examiner's double patenting rejection based on claims 1, 9-13, 15 and 16 of U.S. Ser. No. 10/789,422 (now U.S. Pat. 7,279,181).

By this amendment, applicant has canceled claims 1-7 from the application. Contemporaneously, applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection over U.S. Pat. 7,279,181. Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 18-0160, Order No. FER-14857.001.001.

Respectfully submitted,

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